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HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 239

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A RESOLUTION To honor and congratulate Martha Britton Dixon
on the celebration of her fiftieth birthday.

WHEREAS, It is fitting that the members of this General Assembly should pay tribute to
those citizens who are celebrating special occasions in their estimable lives; and

WHEREAS, Martha Britton Dixon will celebrate her fiftieth birthday on April 26, 2001;
and

WHEREAS, The daughter of former State Representative Hugh Dixon and Mrs. Vincy
Belcher Dixon, Martha Dixon was born in Lebanon, Tennessee and received her early
education at Carthage Elementary; and

WHEREAS, A distinguished scholar, she graduated from Smith County High School in
1969 and later attended Middle Tennessee State University; and

WHEREAS, After college, Ms. Dixon taught Home Economics and served as Assistant
Women's Basketball Coach at Smith County High School; as a teacher and coach, she earned
the respect of her colleagues, students, and superiors alike for the exemplary quality of her work
and her supreme dedication to her students; and

WHEREAS, Martha Britton Dixon left Smith County High School to pursue a career as a farmer and breeder of Championship Herefords at the River Circle Farm; she is now a respected force among breeders throughout the United States; and

WHEREAS, A conscientious and passionate member of her profession, Martha Dixon is a former Board Member of the American Hereford Association (AHA) and a major supporter of AHA activities; and

WHEREAS, In recent years, River Circle Farm has consistently produced National Championship Hereford Bulls, including Peyton a two-time Show Bull of the Year, Braxton and Roberto who each were awarded Show Bull of the Year, and Brandon who is the reigning Show Bull of the Year; and

WHEREAS, Although Martha Britton Dixon no longer serves as a professional teacher, she still instructs, aids, and nurtures the young people of this State; she has served on the Murfreesboro Board of Agribition for many years and has worked for more than a quarter of a century fostering youth programs in agriculture, particularly in the beef industry, including Agribition, 4-H, and FFA; and

WHEREAS, Martha Dixon has also generously hosted outings at River Circle Farms to teach young people how to properly prepare cattle for show; over the years, she has sponsored the travel of many young men and women to Hereford shows throughout the Nation; and

WHEREAS, A longtime resident of Hartsville, she is a highly respected member of her community and is active in numerous charitable, political, and social causes; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Dixon is a devout member of the Providence Cumberland Presbyterian Church in Trousdale County, which she has served faithfully in a variety of leadership positions; and

WHEREAS, This remarkable woman is the epitome of a kind neighbor and citizen; a wonderful human being, she is loved by all who are privileged to know her; and

WHEREAS, It is the pleasure of this General Assembly at the fifth decade of Martha Dixon's life to honor her countless contributions to her community and this State; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED SECOND GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, That we hereby honor and congratulate Martha Britton Dixon on the celebration of her fiftieth birthday, applaud her numerous accomplishments, and commend her efforts on behalf of the young people of Tennessee.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That we also extend to her our heartfelt best wishes for much continued success and happiness.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.